

AUGUST MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Like July, August has also been a pretty slow month. Our Thursday night meetings have been a little slow, but with summer vacations I guess it's ok. We have had about 25 to 30 members showing up at each meeting.

At this time we are awaiting news on the outcome of the Rocky Mountain Region Commander decision. I have been told that the last cut included **Colonel Jack Buschmann** (Previous COWG Commander), **Colonel Glenn Scott** (RMR Deputy Commander), **Colonel Russ Chazell** (Utah Wing Commander), and **Colonel William Morton** (Wyoming Wing Commander). The selection committee has turned their recommendation over to the new National Commander **Brig Gen Antonio Pineda** for the final decision. If the selectee is **Col Buschmann**, we hope the announcement is made before the Region Conference, October 7-9, at Jackson Hole, Wyoming so that those from Colorado can attend the change of command ceremony. Flyers will be out soon.

Staff

We still have a staff positions open. I still need a Public Affairs Officer. **SM Tim O'Brien** has taken on Professional Development and Squadron Webmaster. **2Lt Dan Kawamoto** has volunteered to take on the Historian position.

Membership

We continue to have a number of visitors, visiting each meeting. We continue to stay in pretty good shape. We have lost a few but seem to be holding our own. We list 74 members this month.

OPS/ES

We have been invited to support the 460th Space Wing by doing an SDIS flight to take pictures during their exercise.

We have put one of our aircraft in the Buckley hanger. At this time 71N is in the hanger, but we expect to rotate them as needed. Because of the location change, **1Lt Mikhail Belov** suggested that we assign crew chiefs by location. I thought it was a reasonable idea, so **1Lt Mikhail Belov** will be crew chief of whatever aircraft is at Centennial and **Lt Col Jim Jenkins** will be crew chief of whatever aircraft is at Buckley

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS

This month we were able to promote three of our members: To 2Lt **Christopher Johann**. To 1Lt **Brandon Nadrash** and **Craig “Pat” Privette**

This month five members upgraded in their training levels. **SM Charles Beaman** to Level 1. **Captain Don Johnson**, **1Lt Pat Privette**, **1Lt Rick Simonds**, and **1Lt Bob York** to Level 2,. Some of these updates make the member eligible for promotion when other criteria such as Time-In-Grade are met.

The Aerospace Education for Senior Members (Yeager Award) was presented to **SM Stan Losiewicz**, and **SM David Booth**.

TRAINING

There was no training scheduled for August. **Colonel Cooksey** may have a volunteer to shepherd the Mission Observer Class in September. We are still waiting for the request for the mini SAREX, to fund the Scanner flying, to be approved. I hope some of the members that attended the Mission Scanner class were able to get in a sortie at the Steamboat SAREX.

Colonel Cooksey has scheduled a Level 1 class for 17 September at Buckley. If you do not have Level 1 completed let **Col Cooksey** know.

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